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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Honorable James "Pate" Philip, Wood Dale, Illinois, presiding.
Prayer by Father David Zimmerman, Christ the King Church,
Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Radogno led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Myers moved that reading and approval of the Journal of
Tuesday, February 1, 2000 be postponed pending arrival of the printed
Journal.

The motion prevailed.

REPORT RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following report:

The report on collection statistics submitted by the Office of the Attorney General as required by paragraph 2 of the Uncollected State Claims Act (30 ILCS 205/2).

The foregoing report was ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Cronin, Chairperson of the Committee on Education to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 1295** reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Cronin, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, to which was referred **Senate Joint Resolution No. 48** reported the same back with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Under the rules, **Senate Joint Resolution 48** was placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Mahar, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 1288** reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Hawkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary to which was referred **Senate Bills numbered 1387 and 1388** reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Parker, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 1393** reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 279

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Edward R. Albert.

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The foregoing resolution was referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House by

Mr. Rossi, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2885

A bill for AN ACT to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois by changing Section 205-15.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3073

A bill for AN ACT in relation to children.

Passed the House, February 1, 2000.

ANTHONY D. ROSSI, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills numbered 2885 and 3073** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

**READING BILLS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
A FIRST TIME**

House Bill No. 3073, sponsored by Senator Demuzio was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 2885, sponsored by Senator Bowles was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

REPORTS FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Senator Weaver, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its February 2, 2000 meeting, reported the following Senate Bills have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Commerce and Industry: **Senate Bill No. 1330.**

Education: **Senate Bills numbered 1494, 1537 and 1538.**

Executive: **Senate Bills numbered 1524 and 1586.**

Financial Institutions: **Senate Bill No. 1422.**

Judiciary: **Senate Bills numbered 1273, 1409, 1426, 1442, 1533, 1540 and 1567.**

Licensed Activities: **Senate Bills numbered 1323 and 1339.**

Local Government: **Senate Bills numbered 1377, 1477, 1487, 1504, 1521, 1550, 1569, 1577 and 1582.**

Public Health and Welfare: **Senate Bills numbered 1329, 1434, 1508, 1510, 1555 and 1599.**

Revenue: **Senate Bills numbered 1249 and 1451.**

State Government Operations: **Senate Bills numbered 1507, 1591 and 1592.**

Transportation: **Senate Bills numbered 1352, 1355, 1600 and 1626.**

Senator Weaver, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its February 2, 2000 meeting, reported the following Senate Resolutions

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have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committee of the Senate:

Education: **Senate Joint Resolution No. 43; Senate Resolution No. 261.**

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator O'Malley, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions announced that the Financial Institutions Committee has recessed and will reconvene immediately upon adjournment.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House by

Mr. Rossi, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the two Houses shall convene in Joint Session on Wednesday, February 2, 2000 at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon, for the purpose of hearing his Excellency Governor George Ryan present to the General Assembly his Report on the Condition of the State, required by Article V, Section 13, of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and to hear the Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2001, as required by Chapter 15, Act 20/38, of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Adopted by the House, February 2, 2000.

ANTHONY D. ROSSI, Clerk of the House

By unanimous consent, on motion of Senator Weaver, the foregoing message reporting **House Joint Resolution No. 45** was taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator Weaver moved that the Senate concur with the House in the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed.

And the Senate concurred with the House in the adoption of the resolution.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

At the hour of 11:53 o'clock a.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at recess for the purpose of proceeding to the House of Representatives to meet in joint session pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 45.

JOINT SESSION

12:00 O'CLOCK NOON

The hour having arrived, the time heretofore fixed by Joint Resolution adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Joint Session convened for the purpose of receiving the Governor to deliver his State of the State Message and Budget Message in

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person to the Ninety-First General Assembly.

The Senate, preceded by its President and Secretary, appeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives and, by direction of the Speaker, took the seats assigned them.

The two Houses being convened in Joint Session, the President of the Senate announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives announced that a quorum of the House was present.

A majority of each House of the General Assembly being present, the Speaker of the House announced the Joint Session duly formed.

Representative Currie moved to suspend the applicable House Rules to hear JOINT SESSION RESOLUTION 3 immediately.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Currie offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

JOINT SESSION RESOLUTION 3

RESOLVED, that a committee of ten be appointed, five from the House, by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate, by the President of the Senate, to wait upon His Excellency Governor George Ryan and invite him to address the Joint Assembly.

The President of the Senate announced the appointments, as Members of such Committee, on the part of the Senate: Senators Cronin, Myers, Roskam, Link and Mitchell.

The Speaker of the House announced that appointments, as Members of such Committee, on the part of the House: Representatives Hamos, Mautino, Pugh, Moore and Saviano.

The motion prevailed.

His Excellency, Governor George Ryan, was admitted into the Hall of the House of Representatives, and was presented to the General Assembly, to deliver his message in person as follows:

"Meeting Today's Challenges...Investing in Tomorrow's Promise"

Governor George H. Ryan's

2000 State of the State Address and FY 01 Budget Address

(Combined) Revised Draft

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Speaker Madigan . . .

President Philip . . .

Justices of the Supreme Court . . .

My fellow Constitutional Officers . . .
My partners in the General Assembly . . .
Our guests in the gallery . . .
And my fellow citizens of Illinois.

I'm joined today by my wife, my son George, my daughter Joanne, my daughter Jeanette, my son-in-law John; and there weren't anymore seats left to bring them in, so, but the ones that are here, we welcome all of you here. Thank you. You know last year when I came to this chamber and stood here, we had one of our fellow Constitutional Officers that was in trouble. Jimmy Ryan had a tough battle against cancer. I came in here today and I'm delighted to see that he's got a full head of hair and he's healthy as a bird. We're glad to have you back Jimmy.

Thank you very much . . . your warm welcome is greatly

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appreciated. It's always a pleasure for me to come back to this House . . . it will always be my home. The days I spent here will forever be in my memory . . . and the friendship of this House will always be close to my heart.

We stand here...at the dawn of a new century...and the state of Illinois is strong.

Just over a month ago . . . for a day and a night . . . people and families all over the world gathered to greet the new millennium. Remote corners of the world . . . places that most of us only read about . . . were beamed into our homes via the flick of the remote control.

In countless homes all over the world . . . people paused, and prayed, and were filled with hope and joy for a better day and a new beginning.

I believe we are at a crossroads - there are generations behind us . . . and monumental change ahead of us. Let us think about what we do in terms of the opportunities of the future. Let us remember who we are - regular, ordinary people . . . who have an awesome obligation.

While watching the Super Bowl last weekend, I saw a pre-game interview with Kurt Warner . . . a former stock boy from an Iowa grocery store...and he said, "I'm just a regular, ordinary guy - in an extraordinary situation." I thought, "That pretty much applies to all of us."

We're just regular, ordinary people who struggle through life . . . good times and bad. We hope our kids grow up OK. And if we are very lucky, we find someone to love. . . to stand at our side and hold our hand as we walk through this great adventure called life.

Most of us - you and I -- are just regular, ordinary folks like Kurt Warner . . . who are sometimes called on to do important things.

One year ago, I stood before you and asked that you join with me in a partnership to fashion a bold plan to begin a new day for the People of Illinois. Together, we made history.

Working together, we enhanced education for our children . . . we created thousands of jobs for our People . . . we provided for the public safety . . . we increased social services for those among us

in need . . . we invested in the largest public works improvement program in Illinois history...and together- - we balanced the budget.

We made a difference. The People of this State will live better lives because of what we accomplished . . . and we did it together.

We can debate political action, and have great discussions concerning political philosophy . . . but when a child is hungry, we must provide food . . . when a senior citizen needs health care, we must provide it . . . when a woman is battered, we must provide shelter.

In Scripture we read, "Though I have faith, so that I could move mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

Let me say that any political party . . . or any philosophy of government . . . that loses its heart, loses its purpose for existence.

Last year, we had that purpose. When I asked you to give me your hand in partnership for the People, you said . . . George, here is my hand . . . I am with you. You don't know how important that was to me . . . and from the bottom of my heart- - I thank you.

Because of that bipartisan cooperation, our economy is strong. More people are working in Illinois than ever before.

Crime rates continue to fall.

The teen birth rate is at its lowest level in a decade.

The infant mortality rate continues to drop.

And, fewer Illinois children grow up in poverty today than did a

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decade ago.

And, I can report to you today that the outlook for Illinois' future is unlimited- - and the state of this state is outstanding.

Even with that, we have a special burden . . . now more than ever . . . to look beyond today. To think beyond ourselves. To think about what quality of life we will give to our children . . . and to theirs.

We made education our number one priority.

We agreed that the basic educational development of our children . . . and the preparation of an internationally competitive workforce in Illinois . . . are the keys to success in the 21st Century.

We agreed to earmark 51% of all new state revenues to schools and job training.

We fully funded categorical grants - for the first time in Illinois history.

We established tougher teacher standards . . . and demanded tougher standards for student learning . . . because our children must be prepared to compete in a global economy.

We made our schools safer to learn - by providing \$14 million to fund the Attorney General's "Safe Schools" initiative. We will make sure our schools are free from crime . . . free from gangs . . . free from guns . . . and free from drugs. And I ask you to join me in thanking him.

Acting together, we gave parents throughout the State a greater choice in selecting a school for their children.

And, provided new scholarship assistance for adult learners, and we fully funded our merit and veterans scholarship programs for the

first time ever.

Secondly, we worked on a far-reaching agenda for job creation and economic expansion. At the heart of that agenda was the EDGE tax credit. Our efforts have already begun to reap benefits.

In the last year, we worked with companies large and small on investment projects to benefit the People of Illinois. Those projects resulted in \$4.4 billion in new private investment in Illinois- - and created or retained 61,000 jobs for Illinois.

Over 750 jobs at Solo Cup, at the former USX site in Chicago . . .
. 1,100 jobs at Uniforms to You in Bedford Park . . . 2,300 jobs at
Tellabs in Naperville . . . 1,000 jobs at MUMS in Pinckneyville . . .
1,200 jobs at Sprint PCS in Bolingbrook . . . 900 jobs at MCI
Worldcom in Rockford . . . and 550 jobs at Quaker Oats in Danville.
Throughout Illinois, we are putting people to work.

As we open this 21st Century, the first "buzz words" to enter our culture have been "e- commerce" and the "New Economy" . . . terms that reflect the on-going evolution of business as the world marketplace keeps pace with technology.

Illinois must keep pace with technological advances so that we can retain and attract high tech firms . . . and the high-paying jobs they create.

Last year, we accelerated that pace by devoting over \$230 million to help expand all aspects of technology development - from concept to customer.

Together, we also expanded tourism promotion last year - providing the largest targeted tourism promotion budget in the nation to support this \$21 billion industry in Illinois. And, we took the first step towards establishing the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library here in Springfield-the capstone of our efforts to honor Illinois' most famous son.

We expanded Illinois exports through creation of the Illinois Trade Office. We re-established a presence for Illinois in critical overseas markets by opening new Illinois trade offices around the

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world. And, we expanded our horizons by traveling to Cuba . . . a humanitarian mission to a nation that has been closed to Illinois farmers and Illinois businesses for 40 years.

And, you and I enacted a five year \$30 million program to assist distressed communities...thank you, Senator Emil Jones.

Last year, we said we would embark on an historic effort to rebuild our State's crumbling infrastructure . . . and we did.

Through Illinois FIRST, we agreed to provide \$12 billion over five years to repair aging and deteriorating roads and bridges . . . and to build needed new highway lanes to reduce congestion. We agreed to provide the funds to revitalize our mass transit systems . . . to construct needed classroom space in growing school districts, and to repair aging schools . . . to clean up urban brownfields and other environmental hazards . . . to upgrade our water and sewer systems . . . and to fund projects that will improve our overall quality of life in Illinois.

Like you, however, I am concerned about making sure that these dollars are wisely spent. I have, therefore, directed the Department

of Transportation to impose extra safeguards to make certain that all construction criteria are met.

To oversee this scrutiny . . . to make sure that the process is open and straightforward . . . I will appoint a panel of business, labor and community leaders to oversee the bidding and contracting process and review any problems or complaints. They will receive my full authority and support. I want the schools, bridges and roads to be built. . . I want the environment to be protected . . . and I don't care who is selected to do the work as long as the work is done well.

Agriculture continues to be our number one industry and our proudest heritage. And yet, our farm families continue to suffer . . . along with others across this country who grow our food. The truth is, we depend on them . . . and they're counting on us. Last year, we lobbied Congress hard . . . and successfully . . . to pass a federal farm bill that increased payments to farmers -- and we continue to support ethanol.

We said we would do more to protect our environment . . . and we did that too. We created the \$160 million Illinois Open Lands Trust . . . the largest open space preservation program in Illinois history.

We continued to fund the effort to restore thousands of acres along the Illinois River watershed.

We extended and expanded the \$100 million Conservation 2000 program.

We earmarked over \$57 million for pedestrian and bike trails in Illinois - a 79% increase over the previous two fiscal years combined.

We protected Illinois land by beginning the cleanup of leaking landfills . . . in Chicago, Mattoon and Carlinville.

And, we budgeted enough money to leverage the maximum federal contribution for low-interest wastewater and drinking water loans to help local governments.

You and I fulfilled the promises we made to the People of Illinois last year . . . about recommitting ourselves to educational excellence, strengthening our economy, rebuilding our communities, and restoring our land.

But one of the strongest commitments we made last year - together - was the pact we made with families throughout Illinois to better protect them from gun violence and crime.

We required longer prison sentences for anyone who uses a gun to commit a crime. We enacted one of the toughest anti-violence laws in the nation...by passing 15- 20 & Life.

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We had the wisdom to pass a Child Access Prevention law that properly balances the rights of legitimate gun owners with the safety we demand for our children.

I convened a Discrimination and Hate Crimes Commission . . . to make recommendations for dealing with these ugly crimes, and to ensure legal protections for all Illinois citizens.

Criminal acts committed against any individual because of race, color, creed, gender or sexual orientation cannot . . . in any way . . . be tolerated or excused. I think it is time we acted.

Regrettably, one critical anti-crime measure was left undone - the Safe Neighborhoods Law with the felony gun provision intact. I urge you to fully reinstate a law that worked well for five years to help control illegal gun possessions and reduce gun violence on our streets. I will continue to work with you on a fair compromise.

The debate was distorted by false fears of law abiding hunters being swept up by police. Those claims were nonsense, and we all know it.

This is not an issue about personalities. It is simply a matter of doing what is right.

I believe the People of Illinois understand this issue very well. They know our streets will be safer . . . our schools will be safer . . . and our law enforcement officers will be better protected . . . when we re-enact this Law. I urge you to do so now - re-enact all of it . . . including the felony gun provision.

Last year, we also said we would strengthen and protect Illinois families . . . and we did.

We enacted landmark HMO reform . . . to protect consumers... and to provide a Patients Bill of Rights.

We established the "Futures for Kids" program under the direction of the First Lady to help coordinate . . . publicize . . . and expand comprehensive prevention and intervention services for young. I think she has done a terrific job with that program . . . thank you... Lura Lynn Ryan.

In addition, with the help of school districts, the clergy, business leaders, doctors, organized labor and community activists -- we have rescued the KidCare health insurance program from mediocrity.

Last year at this time, we had only 28,000 children enrolled. Today, our enrollment numbers are close to 90,000 . . . and growing every day. I congratulate Director Ann Patla and the Department of Public Aid and their partners for their tremendous success in turning around this program.

For the second straight year, Illinois led the nation in the number of children placed in permanent homes.

In 1999, thanks to your commitment of \$46 million more for these services, DCFS placed a record number of children in loving, caring homes-- a 72% increase from 1998. The department is to be congratulated for those efforts to stabilize the lives of these kids-- 7,000 Illinois children.

Your ongoing commitment to Illinois' welfare-to-work programs continues to bear fruit. Last year, Illinois was recognized by the federal government for leading the nation in finding jobs for welfare clients who had faced significant barriers to employment.

In the last year, thousands of welfare families have started making a positive contribution to their lives . . . and to the lives of their families . . . earning respect for themselves as they loosen the bonds of poverty--70,000 Illinois families.

In the last year, the number of state welfare clients with full-time jobs has grown by 50%. And even more encouraging, over the past three years, scores of people have become former welfare recipients and have worked their way completely off of the public aid

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rolls. Its equivalent to the entire population of Rockford-100,000 families.

Last week, I announced my nomination for a new Secretary of Human Services . . . Linda Renee Baker . . . and I have every confidence that she will continue the tremendous strides we've been making at that Department.

And there were other successful ways, last year, that we were able to help people in need.

Together, we agreed to strengthen the role of the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse within the Department of Human Services . . . to help recommit ourselves to the prevention, recognition and treatment of substance abuse in our society.

Under the strong leadership of the Lieutenant Governor, Illinois' efforts to address women's health concerns are now recognized as a national model for other states to follow. Please join me in thanking her- Lt. Governor Corinne Wood.

Thanks to your commitment and funding, last year the state expanded cancer screening programs from 50 counties to all 102 counties - a potentially life-saving service for women throughout the State.

In addition, we increased funding for domestic violence prevention programs by 62% -- a key element in giving women the strength they need to break free from an abusive relationship for a life of independence.

For our seniors, you and I committed resources to help older Illinoisans maintain a proper level of independence for as long as they can. One important element was to increase the wages of community care workers that provide services to seniors in their own homes.

While I am proud to highlight our human services successes from last year, I must also report on our unsuccessful implementation of the federally mandated disbursement unit for child support payments. There was nothing wrong with Illinois' child support disbursement process when the federal government mandated the change.

There is nothing easy about taking 102 separate and distinct systems and merging them into one. Illinois and its sister states have had great difficulty in making the change over.

That does not excuse our lack of success, however. And, it certainly cannot remove the anger and frustration of custodial and noncustodial parents . . . nor the hardship some have had to endure.

We acted quickly to provide emergency relief, and the situation has improved, but we are not out of the woods yet.

We have brought in outside experts to pinpoint what needs to be done to make the SDU work properly. The General Assembly has directed Auditor General Bill Holland to conduct an audit so we can all better understand what broke down and why. The solutions evident from both studies will be implemented . . . the SDU is one of our highest priorities. We need action now.

Overall, we have made great strides this past year to improve the way we manage Illinois state government.

I established the Office of Statewide Performance Review, I challenged them to look at every program . . . every regulation . . . in state government. In this first year of their Review, they have already identified 638 pages of the Administrative Code that should be repealed . . . that's 43,000 lines of rules and regulations that can be eliminated. Several dozen obsolete and inactive boards and commissions are being recommended for abolition. We're determined to

cut government and make it work better. We're rewriting another 400 sections of the administrative code. Because here in Illinois...it's time for government to speak the way our people do...in plain

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English.

Our transition to the 21st Century was uneventful in more ways than one. As the calendar turned, the world . . . and our State . . . experienced no dramatic problems . . . no earth-shattering change.

I want to extend my appreciation to our Chief Technology Officer, Mary Barber Reynolds, and the thousands of state employees who prepared our state for the Y2K roll over . . . and I want to recognize the 9,000 state workers who gave up all, or a portion, of their millennium celebrations to guard the Y2K watchtowers and keep everything running smoothly. On behalf of a grateful state...we thank you.

We all woke up on January 1st to face the same world we left behind on December 31st --- and the same challenges for the future.

There are still potholes that need to be filled.

The sick and the elderly still need to be cared for.

Children still need to be schooled and protected from harm.

Families still need health care and clean water and safe neighborhoods.

Businesses and farmers still need support in marketing their products and creating jobs.

We still need to make sure that the trains run on time.

And yes...the Bulls still need a decent point guard.

Our responsibilities haven't changed.

Today . . . we need to chart our course for Illinois in this new century.

Today . . . I am here to present this General Assembly with my policy agenda . . . and my proposed State Budget for Fiscal Year 2001 . . . to help us meet our obligations to the People of Illinois.

This is a continued bold agenda for Illinois . . . and another aggressive budget . . . that allows us to continue to fulfill our commitments to the People.

I believe its an affordable agenda . . . a prudent budget . . . as Illinois continues to be blessed with strong economic growth.

Because of that our continuing economic prosperity . . . this budget provides \$480 million in tax relief approved by this General Assembly during the last two years. Illinois taxpayers will be able to retain \$480 million in their own pockets this year . . . Rather than sending it to Springfield.

I know that most of you would like to enact MORE tax relief measures this year . . . and because this is an election year, there is no shortage of good ideas for tax cuts.

I have advised the legislative leaders that if we can reach a consensus on a tax relief plan this Spring . . . an affordable plan within our budget . . . then I would certainly consider it.

My door will always be open to discuss your ideas. But let me be clear - I do not believe it is in the State's best interest . . . nor in the best interest of our People . . . to engage in a bidding war for the affections of voters. I will not give away the store just to

soothe election year anxieties.

I also know that a second overriding concern this year will be the question of what we should do with the tobacco settlement money. With this budget, I propose we adopt a five year spending plan only . . . with the basic principle of "Spend a little, and save a lot."

Because of continuing uncertainty over the amount of . . . and the long term availability of . . . the tobacco settlement monies, this budget proposes that we spend none of the \$377 million expected to be received in FY 2000. Instead, I propose we leave all of that money in the Treasurer's investment portfolio as the state's "Revenue Stabilization Fund" . . . Let's save it for a rainy day. This fund would keep the interest it earns . . . and at the end of FY 2005,

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should contain nearly \$500 million.

I would recommend that 50% of the tobacco settlement receipts for FY2001 through FY2005 be deposited in a trust fund to be invested by the Treasurer. The remaining 50% of the total revenues would all be spent on health and human service programs. . . and that money would be used to leverage additional matching funds.

With this plan, then, we would spend roughly \$970 million of our tobacco funds on programs that would generate nearly \$2 billion more in matched spending. We would be able to improve our health and human service infrastructure by nearly \$3 billion over the next 5 years. . . and still have almost \$1.4 billion in the bank.

Where should we spend this money to accomplish the greatest good?

As with tax relief measures, we have had a number of thoughtful suggestions put forward . . . many from those of you in this room . . . and I acknowledge all of those suggestions. Yet, I believe we can best spend this \$970 million on programs to improve the health of our society . . . and by planning strategically we can generate program benefits at roughly 3 times the size of our investment.

I propose that we allocate \$217 million over the next five years to gradually expand Medicaid eligibility for the aged, blind and disabled. These funds would leverage an additional \$315 million in federal funds over the five years. By making this investment, the State would increase funding for the purchase of prescription drugs by our low income elderly and disabled citizens, and our funding of other medical services for our most needy citizens would increase by \$300 million.

This plan proposes that we spend \$40 million over the next five years to allow disabled workers to obtain or continue Medicaid coverage by paying a premium.

This year, I suggest a one-time investment of \$8 million . . . to hopefully attract an additional \$15 million in federal funds . . . to finance further KidCare outreach to medically uninsured children in our State.

This plan provides \$315 million over the next five years to hospitals for serving the most severely ill patients.

I propose we spend an additional \$350 million to nursing homes providing long term care for the elderly.

As you know, Illinois currently has 94 local health departments which are responsible for providing local health assistance needs and

aiding in the prevention of communicable diseases. I propose that we provide them with an additional \$55 million over the next five years, so they can increase per capita spending from one dollar and 15 cents to two dollars, and so we can increase their base level funding from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for each department.

I propose we allocate an additional \$4.5 million of these tobacco funds for the childhood lead screening program . . . and an additional \$5 million for our Women's Health Illinois initiative.

I propose we provide \$6 million for grants-in-aid to local governments to establish enforcement programs that reduce youth access to tobacco products. I propose we allocate \$50 million to community-based alcohol and substance abuse services around this State... and \$17.5 million to the Youth Smoking Prevention initiative at the Department of Public Health...Let's act today to protect Illinois kids.

I propose we spend \$15 million to establish local, community-based Family Resource Centers so that government at all levels can provide services to those in need at a single location . . . in the neighborhood that must be served.

I propose we spend \$180 million over five years for grants to major teaching hospitals throughout the State. These grants allow

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hospitals to develop new treatments and therapies that could benefit all of us.

Finally, I propose that we allocate \$196 million in tobacco funds over the next five years to expand our operations and capital investments in biotechnology in this State. These investments will allow us to leverage an additional \$1 billion to help improve our biotechnology infrastructure.

I believe this five year comprehensive plan for our tobacco revenues is a reasonable approach . . . providing for the best and wisest use of this financial windfall. I have proposed allocations that will advance the health and welfare of the People of Illinois . . . while safeguarding our economy and our future.

This budget, in particular, addresses three fundamental areas for our attention this year: preparing Illinois for the new economy and workforce and technology...the refinement of our human services infrastructure...and, our continuing commitment to criminal justice and public safety.

Last year, I was privileged to be one of only eight governors named by the National Governors Association to a new "Task Force on the New Economy".

The New Economy is fast . . . knowledge-based . . . and service-oriented. It is driven by technological advances and fueled by the skill levels of the workforce. We must be ready to compete.

I want Illinois to become a recognized leader in this technological revolution. . . and this budget stakes our claim to that leadership.

With this budget . . . our #1 priority, as it was in 1999, continues to be educating our children . . . and preparing our workforce for the jobs of the New Economy.

This budget honors our commitment to devote 51% of all new

general revenues to our schools and to job training programs. This budget proposes \$528 million more for education and workforce programs . . . the largest education funding increase ever proposed in Illinois that doesn't require a tax increase to pay for it.

Last year, for the first time in Illinois history, we fully funded mandated categorical programs for local districts. With this budget, we do so again.

Early childhood programs, reading grants and summer bridge programs will get an increase of \$53 million to reach more kids.

This budget boosts funding for literacy programs, school to work initiatives, and our on-going campaign to promote greater parental involvement in their children's schools.

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We will invest \$42 million to assist in the professional development of our teachers.

If we expect our students to do well in the classroom, we must provide the resources for their teachers to stay at the top of their game.

In addition, this budget contains \$80 million to support and retain the academic talent and research that makes our college campuses among the best in the nation.

To help open access to higher education, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will receive a budget increase of \$39 million to increase the scope and breadth of its scholarship programs to serve more than 135,000 students throughout the State.

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And, I propose that for the first time in Illinois history, we provide "career scholarship" grants to high school graduates who choose not to go to college.

We will provide a grant of up to \$1,000 in support of vocational training, or an apprenticeship, or attendance at a trade school to learn a specific job skill and start down a career path.

These grants would be designed to give a helping hand to young people when they need it most...at the start of their working adult lives.

To further bring our workforce up to speed with the New Economy, I recommend the coordination of some 18 separate programs from six different agencies to provide for a seamless continuum of education, job training, and lifelong learning.

Last month, the State Board of Education voted to transfer the control of their expansive adult education program to the Illinois Community College Board. I ask you to approve this transfer. I also ask that you approve the proposal of the State's Workforce Investment Board to move the administration of the federal Job Training Partnership Act from DCCA to the Department of Employment Security.

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And while we reshape our workforce, I'm asking you to join with me to approve an historic initiative that will "re-wire" Illinois' place in the high tech New Economy. With this budget, I am proposing a five-year \$1.9 billion commitment of state funds that will assist in the development of over \$3.9 billion in technology-related infrastructure throughout Illinois.

It's called Illinois VentureTECH. It's an investment in our future . . . a commitment to research and development, biotechnology, health sciences, information technology and advanced physics . . . that will nurture and expand our State's role in the New Economy of the 21st Century. I believe these are investments we must make if we are to secure our place in the New Economy. I ask your support to enact Illinois VentureTECH.

This five year plan will provide \$343 million to enable us to build the Illinois Century Network - the statewide technology "backbone" that we initiated last year. The Illinois Century Network will link schools, libraries, museums and government offices throughout the State.

This five year plan includes nearly \$200 million for technology programs in our elementary and secondary schools . . . and over \$400 million for technology management initiatives in state government.

This five year plan includes support for engineering equipment grants through IBHE . . . Alzheimer's Disease research, Juvenile Diabetes and other health services grants . . . expansion of the Illinois Technology Enterprise Corporation . . . and Accelerator research led by IIT.

For technology-related capital projects, I propose \$30 million to support the construction of a \$200 million biotechnology building at Northwestern University . . . I include the \$93 million we agreed on last year to build a new Medical School for the University of Illinois in Chicago . . . I propose \$30 million to provide additional space at the National Center for Super computing Applications in

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Urbana ---to allow them to compete for potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in new federal funds for technology research.

This five year plan includes a value-added research program for agricultural crops that will be run by the Department of Agriculture. This initiative will provide farmers with matching funds to help them increase the value of their harvests by preparing crops for use in more diverse and lucrative products.

Additionally, Illinois VentureTECH will provide Illinois entrepreneurs and technology businesses with over \$800 million in critical venture capital investments over the next four years - investments made possible because of an historic partnership between State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, the IDFA, DCCA, the State

Teachers, the State Universities Retirement System, and the Illinois State Board of Investment.

I will invite a group of prominent Illinois-based entrepreneurs and technology experts to advise me on the administration of this Illinois VentureTECH initiative.

We have the fourth largest technology economy in the nation here in Illinois. If we are to keep pace, we must make this technology investment now.

Along with this focus on technology . . . this budget proposes that we help small businesses in Illinois, since they are responsible for most of our State's economic growth and job creation. I propose to increase resources for small business incubators, development centers, and international trade centers . . . and we call for the creation of new "Business Information Centers" to help growing firms reach their full potential.

As I've already mentioned, this New Economy is a global economy . . . and this budget proposes that we increase our commitment to exports and international trade. I propose to use technology to create a "Virtual Trade Office" . . . and we propose to use old-fashioned shoe leather to help open foreign trade doors by improved marketing through missions and trade shows.

We are in the process of opening a new trade office - as promised last year -on the continent of Africa to take full advantage of this emerging market for food, technology and basic consumer goods. Later this year, I plan to lead a mission to the Republic of South Africa . . . to officially open our State's presence in Johannesburg.

We have re-established a commercial office presence in Canada . . . and we continue to examine potential office locations in China, Israel and South America.

The second fundamental premise of this budget is that no one will be left behind as we move Illinois forward. We will continue to develop the human services infrastructure we need in this State.

This budget proposes that we continue our successful welfare-to-work programs -efforts that have freed more than \$200 million in tax dollars over the last two years that we have been able to use to help other families.

I recommend that we further increase funding for state-subsidized child care by 30% . . . providing care for approximately 218,000 children.

This budget focuses our human resources dollars in our neighborhoods, and our communities.

We will establish "Family Resource Centers" as consolidated service centers . . . providing one-stop human services offices along with one-stop employment and training offices and one-stop local government services offices.

We will increase our commitment of resources to fight domestic violence . . . we will increase our commitment of resources to the Coalition Against Sexual Assault . . . and we will provide funding

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for the Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program you created last year.

We will provide \$2 million for community-based Child Advocacy

Centers.

And, we will provide \$5 million more for Community Integrated Living Arrangements for persons with developmental disabilities . . . and provide an additional \$4 million for Family Assistance Programs and Home Based Support Services.

Our commitment to the human services infrastructure also will include a total of \$7 million to expand services to fight the abuse and neglect of the elderly . . . and a \$7 million allocation to expand the home-delivered meals program to 1,500 more senior citizens in need.

This budget will allow the Department of Veterans Affairs to open and staff a new 40 bed Alzheimers unit at the Manteno Veterans Home . . . and to fully fund 120 beds at the new John Joseph Kelly Veterans Home in Chicago.

The success of our efforts to improve the human infrastructure of Illinois would be incomplete without a strong and comprehensive answer to crime and violence . . . and that is the third fundamental premise of this budget.

Providing for the public safety is one of our first duties in government.

First, we must update our laws. Each and every year, for decades now, the Legislature has added to our criminal code. In some ways, the provisions are now inconsistent, and even contradictory. It's time for a complete overhaul.

Accordingly, I will issue an Executive Order creating a "Commission to Rewrite the Illinois Criminal Code," and ask knowledgeable citizens to serve to help us bring our criminal laws up to date. Earlier this week, I made a difficult, but important decision, relating to the administration of the death penalty in Illinois.

First, let me say that I believe the death penalty is an important tool in our criminal justice system. But, no one in our state can ignore the fact that at least 13 people sentenced to death have had their convictions overturned. Clearly, something is wrong.

As the one person who has the final word before an execution is carried out, I cannot, in good conscience, allow a flawed system to stand unchallenged until I can be sure that an innocent person will not be executed, there will be no further executions in Illinois.

One year ago, you and I enacted new measures to protect the public. The centerpiece of our effort was 15-20&Life- the landmark law that significantly raised the stakes for those who would do violence with a gun.

I know that law will be effective . . . but it must be actively used by our local police and prosecutors to keep our streets safe. I call on all 102 state's attorneys to use this law to punish those prone to do violence and to ensure the deterrent effect of this law.

Second, we need to empower the victims of crime. My Commission on the Status of Women have proposed the "Illinois Gender Violence Act" . . . to open the doors to justice for women who have been beaten or sexually assaulted . . . and to provide opportunities to seek justice for those whose lives are damaged or destroyed by violence because of their sexual orientation. It is a fair initiative . . . and I support it.

Last year, this Assembly passed, and I signed, the "Illinois Equal Justice Act". It's a cornerstone piece of legislation for the legal assistance community. With this budget, we devote \$1 million to fund this program.

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Third, we need new technology. Criminals today threaten Illinois with a staggering array of high-powered weaponry and high-tech tools.

We need to level the playing field . . . and I am asking State Police Director Sam Nolen to lead a major new initiative to modernize the Illinois State Police and keep it at the vanguard of law enforcement technology.

It's called "ISP 2000" . . . It will focus on the new 21st Century technology to fight crime. I want Director Nolen to assess all the new technologies available, and develop a plan of cooperation with local police agencies for the sharing of crime fighting technology . . . lab facilities . . . forensic expertise . . . and manpower.

I want Director Nolen to accelerate and expand the ISP partnership with Argonne National Laboratory that has begun the development of a DNA microchip. This technology will solve violent crimes faster - and help protect the innocent. I want him to develop a plan to create a forensic science institute in connection with the University of Illinois . . . to serve as a consolidated center for forensic and crime scene training . . . and to serve as a national focal point for the advancement of forensic technology.

And, ISP 2000 will continue the improvement in communications technology that we began last year with Illinois FIRST.

Fourth, we need to bring the forces of community decency together. That's why my Office will convene a statewide crime summit later this year . . . to talk about the impact of guns, gangs and drugs on our neighborhoods, our schools and our communities.

Finally, we must match our rhetoric with resources. The new laws, technologies and other innovations I've talked about today will require additional police to ensure we can bring a new measure of safety to the neighborhoods and communities of Illinois.

This budget funds two new state police cadet classes that will add 86 new officers to the force. This budget also funds needed improvements to our statewide communications system . . . retools the technology and equipment at the state's forensic lab . . . and funds a new initiative to better prepare our state police to thwart and battle potential acts of terrorism.

For the Department of Corrections, this budget fully funds the 1,082 new prison beds we opened last year, and enables us to decrease dangerous prison overcrowding by opening three new facilities that will house 4,400 inmates. We plan to open a new maximum security prison in Thomson . . . a new medium security facility in Lawrence County . . . and a needed juvenile facility in Kewanee.

In addition, this budget fully funds the pledge we made last year to double the number of parole agents that are monitoring released felons on our streets.

Comprehensive reforms like this require resources . . . continuity . . . and focus. I therefore announce today that I am creating a new post in my Administration - Deputy Governor for Criminal Justice & Public Safety.

I have appointed a distinguished former Assistant United States Attorney, Matt Bettenhausen to serve in this new post. Working with

me . . . and reaching out to you and the whole law enforcement community . . . he will help immeasurably in my effort to make real the issues of public safety and criminal justice.

As we move to make our communities safer from crime . . . we will also allocate sufficient resources in this budget to address essential "quality of life" concerns in Illinois. Our population continues to grow with our economy . . . as families gravitate to the opportunities we have to offer throughout the State. Families everywhere crave open spaces . . . natural areas . . . and bike paths

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and other recreation facilities.

It's our responsibility to make sure that this critical need of our People is met . . . and with this budget, we do just that.

Our land is our greatest resource in Illinois - for farming . . . for living . . . for industry . . . and for recreation. In various, meaningful ways . . . this budget protects and invests in our land.

This budget includes the second \$40 million installment for our Illinois Open Lands Trust, and \$21 million for Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grants for park districts and forest preserves to construct playgrounds, bike trails, and nature reserves. It devotes \$13 million to our efforts to clean and restore urban brownfields for redevelopment. It includes funding to help reduce urban sprawl through innovative transportation strategies and business redevelopment incentives. And, it includes substantial funding for the Department of Natural Resources to help students and families learn more about our rich natural heritage.

Thanks to the generosity of Bill Rutherford . . . and his donation to the People of Illinois of the Wildlife Prairie Park near Peoria . . . future generations of Illinoisans will be able to enjoy his unique 1,200 acre natural preserve. This budget contains the resources for DNR to preserve this natural resource gem.

The quality of life we enjoy is threatened by the hours and hours that many commuters must endure sitting in traffic congestion on the Tollway. That's going to change.

The Board and the Administration of the Illinois Toll Highway Authority will be identifying strategies for us to consider . . . and I expect to announce a plan of action within the next several weeks.

I realize that all of this is an ambitious agenda . . . and I recognize your intention to shorten your time in Springfield this Spring. But we can accomplish all of this through the FY 2001 spending plan I am presenting to you.

It's a plan to invest in Illinois' future. This budget sets out a plan guided by educational excellence . . . expanded health care . . . renewed public safety . . . and an investment in technology for the New Economy.

This budget takes a solid step toward strengthening our State for years to come.

This budget addresses our critical human services needs and fills many of the gaps in the lives of families.

Together . . . we can make Illinois a better place to live.

Because we stood together last year . . . we were able to accomplish much . . . we were able to begin building a new Illinois.

I invite you to continue the journey this year . . . let us build on our successes . . . learn from our mistakes . . . and march confidently . . . together . . . into the 21st Century.

Thank you . . . and God bless All of You.

Having concluded his message, his Excellency Governor George Ryan was then escorted from the Hall of the House of Representatives by the Committee heretofore appointed.

At the hour of 1:29 o'clock p.m., President Philip moved that the Joint Assembly do now arise.

The motion prevailed.

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Thereupon the Senate returned to the Senate Chambers and resumed consideration of business.

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Honorable James "Pate" Philip, President of the Senate, presiding.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 1636. Introduced by Senators Geo-Karis - Dudycz, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 by changing Section 14.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1637. Introduced by Senators Viverito - Welch, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Act by adding Section 15.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1638. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code by adding Section 10-26.5.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1639. Introduced by Senators Link - Jacobs - DeLeo - Viverito, a bill for AN ACT concerning tobacco settlement proceeds.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1640. Introduced by Senator Welch, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Act by adding Section 9-244.5.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered

printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1641. Introduced by Senator Smith, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Controlled Substances Act by changing Section 407.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1642. Introduced by Senator Smith, a bill for AN ACT in relation to arthritis.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1643. Introduced by Senator W. Jones, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes, amending named Acts.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1644. Introduced by Senator Obama, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1645. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Property Tax Code by changing Section 12-55.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 1646. Introduced by Senators Maitland - Philip, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Regulatory Sunset Act.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1647. Introduced by Senators Maitland - Philip, a bill for AN ACT in relation to certain land.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1648. Introduced by Senators Rauschenberger - Philip, a bill for AN ACT in relation to environmental protection.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1649. Introduced by Senators Sieben - Philip, a bill for AN ACT to amend the State Comptroller Act by changing Section 21.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1650. Introduced by Senators Watson - Philip, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Fertilizer Act of 1961 by changing Section 6b.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1651. Introduced by Senators Rauschenberger - Philip, a bill for AN ACT in relation to the finances of the Capital Development Board.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1652. Introduced by Senators Donahue - R. Madigan - T. Walsh - Philip, a bill for AN ACT to amend the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 by changing Section 5.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1653. Introduced by Senators Mahar - Philip, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Act by changing Sections 4-202, 4-203, 5-202, and 16-125.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1654. Introduced by Senators Rauschenberger - Philip, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Act by changing Section 2-101.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1655. Introduced by Senators Parker - Philip, a bill for AN ACT concerning orders of protection, amending named Acts.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1656. Introduced by Senators Geo-Karis - Philip, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Credit Union Act by changing Sections 9 and 12 as follows:

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered

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printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1657. Introduced by Senators Donahue - Philip, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Health Finance Reform Act by changing Sections 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, and 4-5.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1658. Introduced by Senators R. Madigan - Philip, a bill for AN ACT concerning workers' compensation self-insurance pools, amending named Acts.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1659. Introduced by Senators Rauschenberger -

Philip, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Personnel Code by changing Section 4c.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1660. Introduced by Senators Syverson - Philip, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code by repealing Section 5-16.3.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1661. Introduced by Senator Maitland, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Environmental Protection Act by changing Section 21.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1662. Introduced by Senator Halvorson, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act by changing Section 5.3.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1663. Introduced by Senator Obama, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Act on the Aging by changing Section 4.02.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1664. Introduced by Senator Lightford, a bill for AN ACT to grant family and temporary medical leave under certain circumstances.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1665. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Act by changing Sections 13-506.1, 13-508, 13-515, 13-516, and 13-803 and adding Sections 13-202.1 and 13-408.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1666. Introduced by Senator Cronin, a bill for AN ACT to amend the School Code by changing Section 2-3.64.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 1667. Introduced by Senator Cronin, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Code of Civil Procedure.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1668. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for

AN ACT in relation to children.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1669. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning a tax moratorium.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1670. Introduced by Senator Shaw, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public utilities, amending named Acts.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1671. Introduced by Senator Mitchell, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Procurement Code by changing Section 50-13.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1672. Introduced by Senator Klemm, a bill for AN ACT concerning groundwater preservation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1673. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Health Care Worker Background Check Act.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1674. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT concerning prepaid telephone calling arrangements.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1675. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to tobacco settlement proceeds.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1676. Introduced by Senators Peterson - Obama, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1677. Introduced by Senator Parker, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois by changing Section 605-705.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1678. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT concerning academic medicine.

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The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1679. Introduced by Senator Myers, a bill for AN ACT concerning elections.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1680. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to real property.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1681. Introduced by Senator Cronin, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Municipal Code by changing Sections 11-38-1, 11-38-3, and 11-39-2.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1682. Introduced by Senators Rauschenberger - Philip - Maitland, a bill for AN ACT concerning sales and use taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1683. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Municipal Code by changing Sections 11-74.4-3 and 11-74.4-7.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1684. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Property Tax Code by changing Section 20-178 and adding Section 20-179.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1685. Introduced by Senators L. Walsh - Demuzio - L. Madigan - del Valle - Link, Viverito, Smith, O'Daniel, Shaw, Shadid, Ronen, Mitchell, Munoz, Obama and Trotter, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act by changing Section 4.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1686. Introduced by Senators Mitchell - L. Madigan - del Valle - Viverito - Demuzio, O'Daniel, L. Walsh, Bowles, Shaw, Obama, Smith and Trotter, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act by changing Section 4.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1687. Introduced by Senators L. Madigan - del Valle - Viverito - Smith - Link, Clayborne, Lightford, DeLeo, Munoz,

Obama and Trotter, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code by adding Section 5-23.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1688. Introduced by Senators Viverito - L.

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Madigan - del Valle - Link - Mitchell, O'Daniel, Ronen, Bowles, DeLeo, Obama, Trotter and Smith, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Act on the Aging by adding Section 4.07.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1689. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Code of Civil Procedure.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1690. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Principal and Income Act by changing Sections 6 and 14.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1691. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Power of Attorney Act by changing Section 3-3.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1692. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Property Tax Code by changing Sections 20-180 and 20-190.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1693. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Property Tax Code by changing Section 21-310.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1694. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Code of Civil Procedure by adding Section 12-144.5 and by changing Section 12-145.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1695. Introduced by Senator Bowles, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Controlled Substances Act by changing Section 401.5.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1696. Introduced by Senator Roskam, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Code of Civil Procedure.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1697. Introduced by Senator O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1698. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT to create the Choice of Physician Act.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 1699. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning prescription drug information cards.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1700. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Insurance Code by adding Section 505.3.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1701. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance exchanges.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1702. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Pension Code.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1703. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Pension Code.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1704. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

At the hour of 1:30 o'clock p.m., Senator Geo-Karis presiding.

RESOLUTIONS CONSENT CALENDAR

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 275

Offered by Senator Sullivan and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Warren Harte Lattof of Arlington Heights.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 276

Offered by Senator Sullivan and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Duane Barr Rowe.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 277

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Pauline M. Bohr.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 279

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Edward R. Albert.

Senator Geo-Karis moved the adoption of the foregoing resolutions.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolutions were adopted.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senator Donahue offered the following Senate Joint Resolution

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and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the Senate adjourns on Wednesday, February 2, 2000, it stands adjourned until Thursday, February 3, 2000, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 12:00 o'clock noon; and when the House of Representatives adjourns on Thursday, February 3, 2000, it stands adjourned until Friday, February 4, 2000, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Monday, February 7, 2000, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

At the hour of 1:34 o'clock p.m., on motion of Senator Watson, the Senate stood adjourned until Thursday, February 3, 2000.

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